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SUBJECT: TFRW01: RWANDA EVACUATION: ADVENTIST GROUP
ROUTE TO TANZANIA

REF: (A) 94 NAIROBI 06346, (B) 94 NAIROBI 06347,
(C) 94 NAIROBI 06350

1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST.

2. REFTELS REPORT PROGRESS OF ADVENTIST ORPHANAGE GROUP
MOVING BY CONVOY EAST OF KIGALI. REF B REPORTS THAT
GROUP WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT IN RWAMAGANA AT A BELGIAN

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER
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COOP AND IS ASKING WHERE THEY SHOULD PROCEED TOMORROW. THEY HAVE ASKED AMEMBASSY NAIROBI WHETHER IT HAS ANY ADVICE AND OBSERVES THAT THEY DO NOT THINK THEY WOULD RECEIVE MUCH SUPPORT FROM THE TANZANIANS. REF C REPORTS THAT OTHER AMERICANS HAVE NOW JOINED THAT GROUP FOR A TOTAL OF 30 PERSONS IN THE CONVOY, INCLUDING EIGHT AMERICANS. THEY ARE ALSO REPORTEDLY IN CONTACT WITH UN OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE THE BEST COURSE OF ESCAPE.

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3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FROM POST. SPECIFICALLY, REQUEST THAT AMBASSADOR PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE WITH BORDER CROSSING FOR GROUP. WE ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY'S ADVICE AS TO BEST ROUTING FROM GROUP'S PRESENT LOCATION TO BORDER CROSSING WITH TANZANIA AS WELL AS STATUS OF ACTIVITY ALONG THE BORDER, POTENTIAL THREAT INFORMATION, ETC.

4. THE ADVENTIST GROUP HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE UN IS PLANNING THREE DEPARTURES BY AIR FROM KIGALI BEGINNING

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THE MORNING OF APRIL 11. WE UNDERSTAND THE GROUP IS CONSIDERING RETURNING TO KIGALI TO BOARD OUTBOUND FLIGHTS. THE SECURITY SITUATION IN KIGALI REMAINS UNCERTAIN, BUT WE NOTE THAT AMBASSADOR RAWSON HAD DETERMINED THAT THE OVERLAND EVACUATION ROUTE WAS BEST FOR THOSE DEPARTING APRIL 10. WE REQUEST EMBASSY'S ADVICE ON THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION CONSIDERING THE RISKS OF RETURNING TO KIGALI WITH POSSIBILITIES FOR CROSSING INTO TANZANIA.

5. CA REP ON TF-1 HAS LEARNED THAT THE

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ARE PRESENTLY IN RAMWAGANA AT
A BELGUIM AGRICULTURAL FACILITY. THEY ARE REQUESTING
POST ASSISTANCE IN CROSSING THE BORDER INTO TANZANIA.

IN
RAMWAGANA. ANY ASSISTANCE POST CAN PROVIDE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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6. FOR USUN: WE HAVE BEEN CONTACT TODAY (SUNDAY) WITH BOTH THE UN SITUATION ROOM IN NEW YORK (MAJOR AMIR AND OTHERS) AND THE UNAMIR SITUATION ROOM IN KIGALI TO ASK THEIR HELP IN LOCATING
(LOCATION UNKNOWN) AND

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[REDACTED] AND FAMILY (LOCATION UNKNOWN). WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN FINDING THESE AND ANY OTHER AMERICANS WHO MAY STILL BE IN RWANDA. DECONTROLLED/UNCLASSIFIED

7. FOR PARIS AND BRUSSELS. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME OF SITUATION OF [REDACTED] FAMILIES, AND REQUEST

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RELAY OF THIS INFORMATION TO FRENCH AND BELGIAN PERSONNEL IN RWANDA, IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN LOCATING AND EVACUATING BOTH FAMILIES.

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